PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3683

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi ISONO et al.

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For:

BRAKE DEVICE

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the September 13, 2002 Office Action, and further to the personal interview conducted with Examiner Burch on December 16, 2002, the period for reply extended by a one-month Petition for Extension of Time to January 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A brake device having a fluid pressure source which generates a fluid pressure based on operation of a brake operating member, the brake device actuated by the fluid pressure generated by the fluid pressure source, comprising:

a brake operating amount detector which detects an operating amount of the brake operating member,